

Wisconsin Title V MCH/CYSHCN Services Block Grant Needs Assessment 2006-2010

Executive Summary

In 2005, the Wisconsin Division of Public Health, Bureau of Community Health Promotion conducted the Title V Maternal and Child Health (MCH) and Children/Youth Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN) statewide needs assessment. The federal funding agency, DHHS, HRSA, requires that a statewide MCH/CYSHCN needs assessment be conducted every five years in order to receive federal funds and to help states make the most appropriate program and policy decisions that promote the health of women, children, adolescents, CYSHCN and their families. Although the needs assessment process is data driven, it will also play a critical role in Wisconsin's ongoing planning cycle taking into account the importance of policy making, program development and resource allocation in public health. The needs assessment process must also engage and involve the community stakeholders' interests.

Wisconsin's needs assessment methodology was a well-defined, inclusive and participatory process for assessing the MCH/CYSHCN needs in the state. In 2004, listening sessions involved over 350 individuals familiar with issues surrounding the maternal and child health population who provided qualitative data and personal stories. The formal needs assessment process conducted in 2005 included nearly 100 partners representing the public, private, government, advisory groups, and citizen and family members. Two major statewide initiatives, *Kids First: The Governor's Plan to Invest in Wisconsin's Future, 2004* and the state health plan, *Healthiest Wisconsin 2010: A Partnership Plan to Improve the Health of the Public*, enhanced our needs assessment process. In conjunction with our partners, we identified 44 problems/needs which were narrowed to 20 and then to 10 to formulate Wisconsin's top ten needs. These needs were then linked to the federal *Healthy People 2010*, *Healthiest Wisconsin 2010*, and the national and state performance measures. The needs assessment process helped to select priorities for targeted areas for improvement at the state and local level, set targets for state performance measures, identify activities to meet priority needs and allocate resources.

A copy of the *Wisconsin Title V MCH/CYSHCN Services Block Grant, Needs Assessment 2006-2010* is available at http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/DPH_BFCH/BlockGrant/ under "Needs Assessment". This document includes the following information:

- Process for Conducting Needs Assessment
- Needs Assessment Partnership Building and Collaboration, Assessment of Needs of the Maternal and Child Health
- Assessment of Needs of the Maternal and Child Health Population
- MCH Program Capacity by Pyramid Levels
- Selection of State Priority Needs
- Needs Assessment Summary
- Health Status Indicators
- Data Detail Sheets

The Maternal and Child Health Program extends our thanks to our partners and others who contributed to the 2006-2010 statewide needs assessment. The next stage of the needs assessment process is to monitor performance and progress as an ongoing and continuous state and local activity. The ultimate goal is to understand and optimize our capacity to identify and address key MCH/CYSHCN problems, needs, and issues, in order to bring about desired public health outcomes with limited resources.